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## Book Group Books on Social Justice

For the next unit on SOCIAL JUSTICE you will read in book groups with your peers. Consider your interests, the page lengths of the books as well as the complexity of the texts. You may look up reviews of the books and explore them on internet websites. Turn in this form in English class on Thursday, January 4, 2018.

### **1. *Chew On This: Everything You Don't Want to Know About Fast Food***

Paperback: 318 pages--Very Challenging

Learn about the fast food industry and how additives and ingredients impact the public health of its consumers. The publisher writes, "*Chew on This* shows [young people] that they can change the world by changing what they eat."

### **2. *The Crucible: A Play in Four Acts* by Arthur Miller**

Paperback: 143 pages--Very Challenging

The play tells the story of the Salem witch hunts which took place in Massachusetts, 1692. In a small community, religious fervor and social jealousies push young girls to accuse their neighbors of witchcraft.

### **3. *The Boy Who Dared* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti**

Hardcover: 192 pages--Challenging

When 16-year-old Helmut Hubner listens to the BBC news on an illegal short-wave radio in Germany in the 1930s,, he quickly discovers his country is lying to the people. But when he tries to expose the truth with leaflets, he's tried for treason. Sentenced to death and waiting in a jail cell, Helmut's story emerges in a series of flashbacks that show his growth from a naive child caught up in the patriotism of the times to a sensitive and mature young man who thinks for himself.

### **4. *All American Boys* by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely**

Paperback: 336 pages--Challenging

Sixteen-year-old Rashad is at the corner bodega but a fist-happy cop, Paul Galluzzo, mistakes him for a shoplifter, and says he is resisting arrest. There were witnesses: Quinn Collins—a varsity basketball player and Rashad's classmate who has been raised by Paul since his own father died in Afghanistan—and a video camera. Soon the beating is all over the news and Paul is getting threatened with accusations of prejudice and racial brutality. Quinn refuses to believe that the man who has basically been his savior could possibly be guilty. But then Rashad is absent. And absent again. And again. And the basketball team—half of whom are Rashad's best friends—start to take sides. As does the school. And the town.

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**5. *Real Justice: A Police Mr. Big Sting Goes Wrong* by Richard Brignall**

Paperback 136 pages--Medium

On the night of June 23, 1990, teenage friends Kyle Unger and John Beckett made a last-minute decision to attend a music festival near Roseisle, Manitoba. They had fun, played games, drank, and hung around bonfires with other people. The next morning, a sixteen-year-old girl was dead. By the next week, Kyle was charged with her murder. Due to insufficient evidence he was let go, but the Mounties were convinced he was the killer. They laid a trap, called the Mr. Big operation, for Kyle. With offers of money, friends, and a new criminal lifestyle, the RCMP got Kyle to confess to the murder. But the confession was false -- he had not been the killer. He was convicted and sent to prison.

**6. *Who was Sally Ride?***

Paperback 100-120 pages--Medium

Learn about this leader who fought for equality in an illustrated biography. Sally Ride was the first female astronaut to become part of the United States' astronaut program and the first American woman to fly in space. Ms. Ride devoted her later career to making sure that science classes and careers are open to women.

**Which number book interests you the most? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Which number book is your second choice? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Write 2-3 sentences about why you are interested in reading those books:**

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